

H. Res. 419, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1965) and (H.R. 2728), was agreed to yesterday, November 19th.

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our country, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces and their families. **Pages H7294–95**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, November 21st. **Page H7297**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7280.

**Senate Referral:** S. 381 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7273–74, H7274, H7275, H7275–76, H7276–77, H7277, H7277–78, H7279, H7279–80, H7294, H7295, H7296–97, and H7297. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on the 2013 Report to Congress of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Bartholomew, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; William A. Reinsch, Chairman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; Dennis C. Shea, Vice Chairman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and Larry M. Wortzel, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. ,

### MILITARY RESALE PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Military Resale Programs Overview”. Testimony was heard from Rosemary Freitas Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### REDEFINING COMPANION CARE: JEOPARDIZING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE CARE FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Redefining Companion Care: Jeopardizing Access to Affordable Care for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded a markup on H.R. 3301, the “North American Energy Infrastructure Act”. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

### EXAMINING PUBLIC HEALTH LEGISLATION TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Public Health Legislation to Help Local Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2385, the “CFPB Pay Fairness Act of 2013”; H.R. 2446, the “Responsible Consumer Financial Protection Regulations Act of 2013”; H.R. 2571, the “Consumer Right to Financial Privacy Act of 2013”; H.R. 3183, to provide consumers with a free annual disclosure of information the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection maintains on them; H.R. 3193, the “Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3519, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013”.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 147, calling for the release of United States citizen Saeed Abedini and condemning the Government of Iran for its persecution of religious minorities; H. Res. 402, supporting the European aspirations of the peoples of the European Union’s Eastern Partnership countries, and for other purposes; H. Res. 404, expressing condolences and support for assistance to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan which made landfall in the Republic of the Philippines on November 8, 2013; H.R. 1992, the “Israel Qualitative Military Edge Enhancement Act”; H.R. 3470, the “Naval Vessel Transfer and Arms Export Control Amendments Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3509, the “Assessing Progress in Haiti Act of

2013". The following bills and resolutions were ordered reported, as amended: H. Res. 147; H. Res. 402; H. Res. 404; H.R. 1992; H.R. 3470; and H.R. 3509.

#### TERRORIST GROUPS IN SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled "Terrorist Groups in Syria". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### BANGLADESH IN TURMOIL: NATION ON THE BRINK

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled "Bangladesh in Turmoil: A Nation on the Brink?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING IN 2012; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Military and Overseas Voting in 2012"; and markup on a resolution regarding the House Academic Competition. Testimony was heard from Ross Miller, Secretary of State, Nevada; and Matt Boehmer, Director Federal Voting Assistance Program. The Committee resolution on the House Academic Competition was considered and adopted.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3309, the "Innovation Act". The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

#### ABUSE OF OVERTIME AT DHS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled "Abuse of Overtime at DHS: Padding Paychecks and Pension at Taxpayer Expense". Testimony was heard from John Florence, Branch Chief, Use of Force Policy Division, Field Operations Academy, Customs and Border Protection; Carolyn N. Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; Catherine V. Emerson, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ronald Vitiello, Deputy Chief, Office of Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection; and a public witness.

#### COMMERCIAL SPACE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled "Commercial Space". Testimony was heard from Representative McCarthy (CA); and public witnesses.

#### STARTUP MOVEMENT

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Startup Movement". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3521, the "Department of Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Lease Authorization Act of 2013". The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

#### BUILDING VA'S FUTURE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Building VA's Future: Confronting Persistent Challenges in VA Major Construction and Lease Programs". Testimony was heard from Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lloyd Caldwell, Director of Military Programs, Army Corps of Engineers; Glenn D. Haggstrom, Principal Executive Director, Office of Acquisitions, Logistics and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on powers and structure of a strong regulator, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul Nathan Jaenichen, Sr., of Kentucky, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, and Debra L. Miller, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, both of the Department of Transportation, and Arun Madhavan Kumar, of California, to be Assistant Secretary